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MY LORD AND GENTLEMEN,

WITH great Concern I reflect that the old *Roman* AMOR PATRIÆ is so totally extinguished, that the smallest public Business, cannot in this depraved Age, be transacted without private Views to Self-Interest. My Observation drawn from an Age of Instances, is strongly confirmed by a verbous Pamphlet, handed to me in the Street, relating to a new *Market-House*, which the modest Writer for his own Interest, wishes to have erected at *John's-Castle*, in Preference to *Oxmantown-Green*. I shall therefore, my Lord, and Gentlemen, take the Liberty of employing your Attention a Moment, while I confute every Position of that extraordinary Pamphlet.

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FIRST, The more distant the *Market-House* is removed from the proposed *New-Bridge*, the stronger will be the Arguments against a *New-Bridge*; as a *New-Bridge*, by drawing the Town more towards the East, will diminish the Value of all Property to the West, which makes it more necessary to have some public Erections in that Quarter, which will give Stability to Property there, in case of such an Innovation.

SECONDLY, The Inhabitants of *Thomas-street*, and its Environs, have always regarded the *Market-House* as a Nuisance, as it stops twice a Week, all the Business in that Quarter, except Dram-selling; and if now transferred to *John's-Castle*, would unavoidably continue the Obstructions, as the same Avenues now leading to *Thomas-street*, are the only Avenues to *John's-Castle*.

THIRDLY, The principal Counties that supply this City with Wheat, are *Meath*, *Louth*, and *Kildare*: The two Former, communicate immediately with *Oxmantown*, and the Carriages from the Latter, have the Advantage at the Close of their fatiguing Journey, to descend a Hill with their heavy Load to *Oxmantown*, whereas there is a continued Ascent to *Thomas-street* and *John's-Castle* from all Parts.

FOURTHLY, To *John's-Castle* there are but two Avenues, an ascending Avenue from *Usher's-Quay*, and another very narrow from *Thomas-street*. Whereas to *Oxmantown* there are

are four noble Entrances, a descending one from *Stoney-batter*, two in *Barrack-street*, and a Fourth in *Queen-street*.

FIFTHLY, The Neighbourhood of the *Barracks*, will rather confirm Order in the Market than Confusion, as I flatter myself our Army is as remarkable for their Discipline, as their Valour. And I have known the Country Farmers solicit with great Earnestness, to be employed in carrying the Army Baggage, as it prevented their Cars going back empty. And this Neighbourhood to the *Barracks* will confirm to them that Advantage, and will preserve the City from being distressed by pressing Coal-Cars, and other Carriages employed for the Service of the Merchants. Any Obstructions from the March of the Army, are totally impossible, as the Army never marches until ten o'Clock, at which Time the Corn Cars are all arrived at their Destination; and I humbly apprehend, that instead of the Horses being Skittish from the Noise of the Drums, and other Military Operations, that it would be a very pleasing Circumstance to their Owners, to find that Drums or any Thing else could raise their Horses Spirits after such long and fatigueing Journeys.

SIXTHLY, Every Man not blinded by Self-Interest, must acknowledge, that the Canal can never be of Use to this City, but as a Reservoir of Water; for Parliament will never think of throwing more of the Public Treasure into that Bottemless Pit, and therefore as a
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Reservoir, the more distant all Obstructions the better.

SEVENTHLY, By removing the *Market-House* from *Thomas-street*, the City Estate at *John's-Castle* will improve of Course, especially if on the Fall of Leases, the City will open the Avenues unto it, and by building at *Oxmantown* they will actually make a profitable Estate, of what is now only a dead Loss, and also an Expence.

EIGHTHLY, As to the Loss from Want of Gravel, it can never affect the Corporation, in its present Situation, as from the present Pavement Laws, it is the Citizens who pay for the Gravel. And from the Bill intended to be brought into Parliament, for regulating the Pavements, we have Reason to think, that little or no Gravel will be wanted for the City Use.

THE City is offered the Fee-Farm of *St. John's Castle*, by the disinterested Authors of this Pamphlet, supposing the Ground there to be in them, or in Mr. *Pharmacopia Paupirum*, their Agent. If these Gentlemen are so Public-Spirited, let them give their Ground to the City on the same Terms, for building a New Goal of *New-Gate*, which will tend infinitely more to the Service of the City, by removing the terrible Nuisance of a Goal, which this City at present labours under; and not by their specious Offer, rob the City of the Advantage of a *Market-House* at *Oxmantown*, where all the
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great Avenues center; where a large Revenue will accrue to the City towards the Diminution of their heavy Debt, which is now so weighty, as to tye up their Hands from advancing Money for the best Purposes of the Public; where a terrible Nufance to this City will be converted into an Ornament and Advantage, by filling up those great Pits, which at Night occasions the Destruction and maiming of many unwary Passengers; and in the Day, putrifies the Air, and poisons the Neighbourhood with the Stench arising from all Kinds of Ordure and Filth of which these Pits are the Receptacles.

IT will also tend to put a Stop to those Riots with which this City is so shamefully infested, to the Dishonour of Magistracy, and the unspeakable Injury of the Citizens; as this is the Field where the Champions of Riot, generally sound to Combat, and where, by its numerous Avenues, it is impossible for the Peace-Officers to seize them.

I HOPE therefore, that these, and a Thousand other Considerations, which Time will not permit me to offer, will actuate the impartial Corporation to reject the specious and interested Offer of *John's-Castle* for a *Market-House*, and will prompt them to place it in *Oxmantown-Green*, where only they, and this whole City, will reap any solid Benefit from it.

An Impartial Citizen.

